

#### United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspla.gov

## NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

7590

04/28/2005

TODD DEVEAU THOMAS, KAYDEN, HORSTEMEYER & RISLEY LLP 100 GALLERIA PARKWAY SUITE 1750 ATLANTA, GA 30339 EXAMINER
MAKI, STEVEN D

PAPER NUMBER

MAKI, STEVEN D

ART UNIT

1733

DATE MAILED: 04/28/2005

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/036,691      | 12/21/2001  | Fredrick Taylor      | WRS2                | 4955             |

TITLE OF INVENTION: TIRE WITH NON-MARKING TREAD

| APPLN. TYPE    | SMALL ENTITY | ISSUE FEE | PUBLICATION FEE | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE | DATE DUE   |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| nonnrovisional | YES          | \$700     | \$0             | \$700            | 07/28/2005 |

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

#### HOW TO REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

I. Review the SMALL ENTITY status shown above.

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as YES, verify your current SMALL ENTITY status:

- A. If the status is the same, pay the TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above.
- B. If the status above is to be removed, check box 5b on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and twice the amount of the ISSUE FEE shown above, or

If the SMALL ENTITY is shown as NO:

- A. Pay TOTAL FEE(S) DUE shown above, or
- B. If applicant claimed SMALL ENTITY status before, or is now claiming SMALL ENTITY status, check box 5a on Part B Fee(s) Transmittal and pay the PUBLICATION FEE (if required) and 1/2 the ISSUE FEE shown above.
- II. PART B FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL should be completed and returned to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with your ISSUE FEE and PUBLICATION FEE (if required). Even if the fee(s) have already been paid, Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and returned. If you are charging the fee(s) to your deposit account, section "4b" of Part B Fee(s) Transmittal should be completed and an extra copy of the form should be submitted.
- III. All communications regarding this application must give the application number. Please direct all communications prior to issuance to Mail Stop ISSUE FEE unless advised to the contrary.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Utility patents issuing on applications filed on or after Dec. 12, 1980 may require payment of maintenance fees. It is patentee's responsibility to ensure timely payment of maintenance fees when due.

## PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: Mail

Mail Stop ISSUE FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

(703) 746-4000 or <u>Fax</u>

| appropriate. All further corrected be naintenance fee notifications  | espondence including the Pelow or directed otherwise  | atent, advance ordin Block 1, by (a)   | ders and notification of the specifying a   | ication of mainte<br>new correspond             | enance fees wence address;   | vill be mailed to the current; and/or (b) indicating a sepa  | correspondence address as trate "FEE ADDRESS" for  |
|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|
|  | ADDRESS (Note: Use Block 1 for a  | ny change of address)                  |   | Note: A<br>Fee(s) Tr<br>papers. E<br>have its o | certificate of<br>ransmittal. The<br>ach additionations<br>own certificate | mailing can only be used for<br>is certificate cannot be used in<br>all paper, such as an assignment<br>of mailing or transmission.  | or domestic mailings of the<br>for any other accompanying<br>ant or formal drawing, must                         |
| TODD DEVEAU<br>THOMAS, KAYDE<br>100 GALLERIA PA<br>SUITE 1750        | N, HORSTEMEYER<br>RKWAY   | & RISLEY LI                            | _P  | I hereby<br>States Po<br>addressed<br>transmitt | Certify that the stal Service volume to the Mailed to the USP              | rtificate of Mailing or Trans<br>nis Fee(s) Transmittal is being<br>with sufficient postage for fir<br>1 Stop ISSUE FEE address<br>TO (703) 746-4000, on the d                             | mission g deposited with the United st class mail in an envelope above, or being facsimile late indicated below. |
| ATLANTA, GA 303  | 339   |  |   |   |  |  | (Depositor's name)   |
|  |   |  |   |   |  |  | (Signatore)  |
|  |   |  |   |   |  |  | (Date)   |
| APPLICATION NO.  | FILING DATE   | 3                                      | PIRST NAMED   | INVENTOR  |  | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.  | CONFIRMATION NO.   |
| 10/036,691   | 12/21/2001  |  | Fredrick  | Taylor  |  | WRS2   | 4955   |
| TILE OF INVENTION: THE   | SMALL ENTITY  | ISSUE FE                               | SE T  | PUBLICATI                                       | ON FER   | TOTAL FEE(S) DUE   | DATE DUE   |
|  |   |  | 26  |   | ONTEE  | ·  |  |
| nonprovisional   | YES   | \$700                                  |   | \$0   |  | \$700  | 07/28/2005   |
| EXAMI  | NER   | ART UN                                 | iT  | CLASS-SUB                                       | CLASS  | · ·  |  |
| MAKI, ST   | EVEN D  | 1733                                   |   | 152-209   | 100  |  |  |
| "Fee Address" indication PTO/SB/47; Rev 03-02 or Number is required. | nnce address (or Change of O<br>2) attached.<br>an (or "Fee Address" Indica<br>more recent) attached. Use | tion form of a Customer 2 PRINTED ON T | or agents O  (2) the name registered aregistered listed, no   |   | n (having as a<br>) and the nam<br>s or agents. If<br>ed.                  | a member a 2es of up to no name is 3   |  |
| (A) NAME OF ASSIGNE  | E   | (B                                     | ) RESIDENC  | E: (CITY and ST                                 | ATE OR CO  | nce is identified below, the d UNTRY)  forporation or other private gr   | _  |
| Please check the appropriate a<br>la. The following fee(s) are e     |   |  | . Payment of 1  |   | Midital C  | orporation of other private gr   | oup entity - Ooverment   |
| Issue Fee  |   |  | $\square$ A check in the amount of the fee(s) is enclosed.  |   |  |  |  |
| Publication Fee (No small entity discount permitted)                 |   |  | Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.  |   |  |  |  |
| Advance Order - # of Copies  |   |  | The Director is hereby authorized by charge the required fee(s), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number (enclose an extra copy of this form). |   |  |  |  |
| Change in Entity Status (  | from status indicated above   |  | The Applier   | ant is no longer c                              | laiming SMA  | LL ENTITY status. See 37 C   | FR 1 27(a)(2)  |
| •                              |   |  |   |   |  | ly paid issue fee to the application of attorney or agent; or the  |  |
| Authorized Signature   |   |  |   |   | Date   |  |  |
| Typed or printed name  |   |  | -   |   |  |  |  |
| Alexandria, virginia 22515-1   | 430.  |  |   |   |  | the public which is to file (an<br>minutes to complete, includio<br>omments on the amount of ti<br>1 Trademark Office, U.S. Dep<br>S. SEND TO: Commissioner<br>displays a valid OMB contro |  |



## United States Patent and Trademark Office

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Baa, 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

| APPLICATION NO. FILING DATE FI |                               | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR     | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 10/036.691                     | 12/21/2001                    | Fredrick Taylor          | WRS2                | 4955             |
| 7                              | 590 04/28/2005                | EXAMINER                 |                     |                  |
| TODD DEVEAU                    | -                             | MAKI, STEVEN D           |                     |                  |
| 100 GALLERIA F                 | DEN, HORSTEMEYER &<br>PARKWAY | ART UNIT                 | PAPER NUMBER        |                  |
| <b>SUITE 1750</b>              |                               | 1733                     |                     |                  |
| ATLANTA, GA 3                  | 0339                          | DATE MAIL FD: 04/28/2005 |                     |                  |

# Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 207 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 207 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) WEB site (http://pair.uspto.gov).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (571) 272-7702. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.